

SENATE BILL No. 120

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Health coverage commission. Establishes a health coverage commission to evaluate and make recommendations before January 1, 2010, concerning implementation of a health coverage system to ensure availability of health coverage to every Indiana resident.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **As used in this**
2 **SECTION, "commission" refers to the health coverage commission**
3 **established by subsection (b).**

4 **(b) The health coverage commission is established.**

5 **(c) The commission consists of the following members who serve**
6 **at the pleasure of the appointing authority:**

7 **(1) Four (4) members appointed by the speaker of the house**
8 **of representatives, not more than two (2) of whom may be**
9 **members of the same political party.**

10 **(2) Four (4) members appointed by the president pro tempore**
11 **of the senate, not more than two (2) of whom may be members**
12 **of the same political party.**

13 **(3) Four (4) members appointed by the governor, not more**
14 **than two (2) of whom may be members of the same political**
15 **party.**

16 **A member of the general assembly may not be appointed to the**
17 **commission.**

18 **(d) Each appointing authority specified in subsection (c) shall**



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1 appoint members from different regions of Indiana, including:

- 2 (1) one (1) member who has health insurance expertise;
- 3 (2) one (1) member who is a health care provider;
- 4 (3) one (1) member who is a human resources representative
- 5 in business or government; and
- 6 (4) one (1) member who is a consumer with health insurance
- 7 knowledge.

8 (e) The governor shall appoint the chairperson of the
9 commission from among the members appointed under subsection
10 (c)(3).

11 (f) The commission shall do the following:

12 (1) Compile, review, and evaluate information concerning
13 health coverage systems used to ensure availability of health
14 coverage to every resident of a state or country, including:

15 (A) analysis of each health coverage system model that
16 exists in another state or country;

17 (B) data demonstrating success, failure, problems, and
18 solutions to problems with regard to each health coverage
19 system that exists in another state or country; and

20 (C) potential public and private resources and methods to
21 use in establishing a health coverage system that will
22 ensure availability of health coverage to every Indiana
23 resident.

24 (2) Make recommendations for a variety of possibilities, and
25 enumerate the perceived strengths and weaknesses of each
26 possibility, for implementation of a health coverage system to
27 ensure availability of health coverage to every Indiana
28 resident. The recommendations must be made for
29 consideration by the governor and the general assembly in
30 working toward ensuring availability of health coverage to
31 every Indiana resident and include possibilities for:

32 (A) a dedicated source of funding for the health coverage
33 system; and

34 (B) plans of health coverage to be made available through
35 the health coverage system.

36 (g) The commission shall submit the recommendations required
37 by subsection (f) to the governor and, in an electronic format under
38 IC 5-14-6, to the legislative council before January 1, 2010.

39 (h) The department of insurance and the state department of
40 health shall staff the commission.

41 (i) The expenses of the commission shall be paid by the
42 department of insurance.

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1 (j) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee
2 is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
3 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement
4 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other
5 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties
6 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the
7 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget
8 agency.

9 (k) Each member of the commission who is a state employee is
10 entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
11 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
12 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
13 procedures established by the Indiana department of
14 administration and approved by the budget agency.

15 (l) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members
16 appointed to the commission are required for the commission to
17 take action on any measure.

18 (m) This SECTION expires January 1, 2010.

19 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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